

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORTS IN CHILD CARE



PEEL INCLUSION RESOURCE SERVICES (PIRS)

PIRS is a free service that provides resource consultation support to families and their children attending licensed child care in Peel Region. A Resource Consultant will help to develop a plan with families that focuses on their child's strengths and areas of development to help children fully participate in child care programming.

<https://www.peelregion.ca/services/children-and-parenting/special-needs-help/>

Who is eligible for PIRS?

Children up to 12 years of age attending a licensed child care in Peel Region. No diagnosis required.

Who facilitates PIRS?



ENHANCED PROGRAM SUPPORT (EPS)

A parent/caregiver can always speak to their licensed child care centre if there is EPS. EPS supports eligible licensed child care centres to hire additional staff for periods of the day, extend the hours of existing staff, or purchase resources to support children with special needs.

To view the EPS guidelines visit:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/children/working/service-providers/pdf/2023/2023-EPS-guidelines.pdf>

Important to note:

- Parents/caregivers do not apply for EPS.
- EPS does not provide 1:1 support for children.
- Although a child care centre may be eligible, hiring staff may pose challenges to the facilitation of EPS

Have questions?

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